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APPARATUS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 9, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 9, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this Response.